

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION SECTOR IN ODISHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the comparative development of civil aviation sector in Odisha in year 2000 vis-a-vis year 2022;
- (b) the impact of civil aviation sector development of Odisha in overall development of the country; and
- (c) the manner in which State Government helped in the civil aviation sector development in Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): There are 2 operational airports in Odisha viz. Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda which are both operated by Airports Authority of India (AAI). Bhubaneswar airport was operationalized prior to 2000 whereas Jharsuguda airport has been operationalized in 2018 under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik), a flagship scheme of Ministry of Civil Aviation launched in 2016.

Four existing Airstrips viz. Rourkela, Jeypore, Utkela and Rangeilunda have been identified under RCS-UDAN for operation of UDAN flights.

(b): Airports have emerged as a nucleus of economic activities and have multiplier effect on the economy of the State. The linkage between the Civil Aviation Sector and Economic Growth is well recognized. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) study shows that the air connectivity has an economic multiplier of 3.1 and employment multiplier of 6.1.

Development of civil aviation sector and its expansion in the State of Odisha has provided a faster and quicker mode of transportation to travel to other parts of country and the world. It gives impetus to tourism, trade, generates employment and brings the cities of the country closer, leading to overall economic development. The civil aviation sector contributes to GDP of the State, in turn strengthening the national GDP.

(c): State Government of Odisha has provided 118.5 acres of land for development of Jharsuguda airport as per Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and State Government and has also provided Rs. 75 crore for development of this airport. In addition, State Government has undertaken development of Jeypore and Utkela airports with the technical assistance of AAI. State Government has also provided approx. 20 acres of land to AAI for development of basic strip and installation of approach light at Bhubaneswar airport.

State Government has reduced the VAT on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from 5% to 1% and waived the VAT on ATF for International Flights.
